

**THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
OF ALABAMA**

INVITATION TO BID

For:
Symon Digital Signage Equipment

Agency Contact:

Edward Davis (334) 517-7130

Invitation to Bid No.: **11-011**

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference:

DATE: **N/A** TIME:

Bids Must be Received Before:

DATE: **March 10, 2011** TIME: **5:00 PM**

Bids Will be Publicly Opened

DATE: **March 11, 2011** TIME: **10:00 AM**

TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR

INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS APPROPRIATE. BID RESPONSE MUST BE IN INK OR TYPED WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION.

- 1) DELIVERY: CAN BE MADE _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.
- 2) TERMS: _____ (DISCOUNTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE BID EVALUATION AND WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT REGARD TO DATE OF PAYMENT).
- 3) PRICES VALID FOR ACCEPTANCE WITHIN _____ DAYS.
- 4) VENDOR'S QUOTATION REFERENCE NUMBER, IF ANY: _____ (THIS NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON PURCHASE ORDER)
- 5) FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID. NO. (IF NO FEIN, ENTER SSN) : _____
- 6) E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ INTERNET WEBSITE: _____

RETURN INVITATION TO BID:

REGULAR MAIL

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
P.O. BOX 302150
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-2150

COURIER

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
201 S. UNION STREET, SUITE 574
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104-4369

SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

I have read the entire bid and agree to furnish each item offered at the price quoted. I hereby affirm I have not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding.

**Sworn to and subscribed
before me this**

COMPANY NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (INK)

____ DAY OF _____, 20__

MAILING ADDRESS

TYPE / PRINT AUTHORIZED NAME

NOTARY PUBLIC

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TITLE

PHONE INCLUDING AREA CODE

FAX NUMBER

BID RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

- **READ ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS**
- Label your bid response envelope with the **BID NUMBER** and **OPENING DATE**. Bids not identified may be rejected.
- Submit your bid on time. **ALL LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED.** The Retirement Systems of Alabama assumes no responsibility for bid responses that are late due to the U.S. Postal Service, private courier service, or any other reason.
- **Bid responses must be signed and notarized.** Signatures must be original, hand-written.
- Bid pricing must be submitted on the attached **Price Sheet** without modification and must include all requested information.
- Any errors or corrections to a bid response must be initialed.
- **Delivery date may be considered a factor in determining an award.**
- Any questions or clarifications concerning this bid should be directed to Edward Davis at (334) 517-7130. Bidders should only consider written information provided by RSA Office Services when completing this bid.
- **STATE LAWS:** All bidders are responsible for compliance with all laws and Executive Orders and opinions of the Attorney General of Alabama before doing business with a State Agency.
- The Retirement Systems of Alabama is exempt from paying Federal Excise Tax, state and local sales tax.

Symon Digital Signage Equipment ITB 11-011

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to select a qualified vendor from which to purchase Symon SDA-708X Series Media Players for the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

BID PRICING

Bid pricing shall be deemed to include all costs associated with providing the specified products. No additional charges shall be allowed. All pricing is to be FOB destination.

BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

The bid will be awarded on an **“all or none”** basis to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications, terms and conditions. RSA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technical errors or discrepancies if, in their judgment, it would be in the best interest of RSA to waive such errors or discrepancies.

It is not a requirement to be a registered bidder with the State of Alabama to qualify to bid.

INTENT TO AWARD

The Retirement Systems of Alabama will issue an “Intent to Award” before a final award is made. The “Intent to Award” will continue for a period of five calendar days, after which a final award will be made. Upon final award, all rights to protest are forfeited. A detailed explanation of this process may be reviewed in the Alabama Administrative Code – Chapter 355-4-1 (14).

BID OPENING

Bids must be received no later than **5:00 PM March 10, 2011**. Bids will be publicly opened **March 11, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.** in Room 521 of the RSA Headquarters Building located at 201 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104.

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS

In order to be considered responsive, bidder must be an authorized reseller of Symon Digital Signage Equipment and software products. **A letter of authorization from Symon Communications, Inc. verifying bidder’s authorization must be provided with your bid.**

Bidders are required to submit with their bid the **Vendor Certification Statement** and **Vendor Disclosure Statement** (copies attached).

DELIVERY

Delivery terms are F.O.B. Destination, 201 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. All shipments must include a packing slip or invoice referencing the Retirement Systems of Alabama's purchase order number.

Maximum delivery time for the hardware and software will not exceed **14 calendar days** after receipt of Purchase Order. All components necessary to meet the specifications must be delivered within this 14 day time frame. RSA accepts deliveries Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding State of Alabama holidays.

EQUIPMENT

The SDA-708X Series Media Players must be classified as new, Original Equipment Manufacture and cannot contain any reprocessed parts or reprocessed components. Previously owned, refurbished, demonstration or field equipment will not be considered.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Payment terms are Net 30.

PRICE SHEET

ITB 11-011

Symon Digital Signage Equipment

QTY		Unit Price	Ext. Price
12	Symon SDA-708X Series Media Player with 3-year SymonCare Plus		\$
	Total Bid Price		\$

Retirement Systems of Alabama

VENDOR CERTIFICATION

(Required by Act 2006-557)

The following is an excerpt from Act 2006-557 which states in part:

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. **BY SUBMITTING THIS BID, THE BIDDER IS HEREBY CERTIFYING THAT THEY ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 2006-557,** they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-16.....

I hereby attest that _____ is appropriately registered to collect
(Company name)
and remit sales, use and lease tax on all its sales and leases into the State of Alabama and is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under ACT 2006-557. I hereby acknowledge that the RSA may declare void any contract awarded from this ITB if this certification is false.

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD:

Retirement Systems of Alabama

ADDRESS:

201 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

334-517-7000

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

This form is provided with:

☐ Contract ☐ Proposal ☐ Request for Proposal ☐ Invitation to Bid ☐ Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

State Agency/Department	Type of Goods/Services	Amount Received
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Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

State Agency/Department	Date Grant Awarded	Amount of Grant
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1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name of Public Official/Employee	Address	State Department/Agency
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2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name of Family member	Address	Name of Public Official/ Public Employee	State Department/ Agency Where Employed

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

Name of Paid Consultant/Lobbyist	Address

By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

Signature	Date
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Notary's Signature	Date	Date Notary Expires
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Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.